

Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

#881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing our prayer concerns

Musical interlude

Prayers for the Church and the world

SENDING FORTH

† **Hymn**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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† **Benediction**

† **Postlude**

†*The congregation is invited to stand, as you are able.*

Order my steps in your Word, please, order my steps in your Word!

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.

Please order my steps, Lord, and I’ll do your blessed will.

The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.

If You order my steps, I’ll praise your name. –by Glenn Edward Burleigh (1949-2007)



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Worship Celebration 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time 10:30 AM | Sunday School 10:45 AM

The Rev. Connie Mitchell Shelton

Raleigh Area Bishop

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The Rev. Kevin H. Seymour

Pastor

Nancy Martinez

Assistant to the District Superintendent

A Service of the Word
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2024 9:30 AM

In today's lesson from Deuteronomy, the people of Israel are promised a prophet that will rise from among them and speak the words of God. Paul advises in his first letter to the church in Corinth that despite the freedom found in Christ, believers should not become a stumbling block to those with weaker faith.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ringing the Church bell

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Meditation" by Jules Massenet **Leslie Orlovsky**
arranged by Rick Parks

Choral Praise "I Love You, Lord" **Choir**

† **Call to Worship**

Come, let us worship God.

We go within his gates, giving thanks, and singing songs of thanks and praise. We enter his courts with songs of praise.

Come, let us worship God.

**How good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.**

Set me as a seal upon your heart O God, as a seal upon your arm.
Many waters cannot quench your love, neither can floods drown it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.

† **Opening Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

† **Hymn** "We Believe in One True God" **# 85**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Lesson **Deuteronomy 18:15-20** **Inge Hersman**
Anthem "Melody of Love Medley" **Choir**
Children's Lesson **Krystle Ray**

New Testament Lesson **1 Corinthians 8:1-13** **Doug Currin**
Sermon "Puffing Up or Building Up?"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of response
† **Hymn** "Jesus, United By Thy Grace" **# 561**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer

The Peace May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Glory to God, Amen!

Presentation of God's tithes and our offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology** **# 95**

MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES – January 28, 2024

WELCOME!

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are delighted that you joined us in Christian Education and Worship today. Morris Chapel United Methodist Church welcomes visitors who are seeking a church home, those who join us for special occasions, and those who seek relief from life's burdens. Join us in praising God, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and giving thanks to a loving God for the blessings of the day!

CALENDAR

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service – in person and Livestream
Sunday	10:30 am	Fellowship Time
Sunday	10:45 am	Sunday Schools
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study “Sunday’s Coming” Pastor Seymour (no class this week)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – all are welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Time Visitors! We are so glad you joined us, and we hope you return! Please pick up a coffee mug with goodies and info at the front door area as you exit. It is a token of our gratitude and love for visiting our Worship Service. Be blessed!

Easter Cantata practice is ready to begin! See Jerry Keith for music if you would like to take part. All are welcome.

Pastor’s Tuesday Bible Study is an extension of the Sunday Sermon! Come at 10:00 to learn more. Come when you can! Every week is a different topic so you are never “behind” in this study. Come & see **(class resumes on 2/6)**

Mission Coat Drive for Broadway Elementary School! Must be NEW coats in sizes small or XL sizes (6-14)! They will be collected during January for February delivery. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall! Thank you for your consideration of those less fortunate!

February Men's Meeting will be on Thursday 2/8/24 at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will plan for sandwiches for Souper Bowl Sunday 2/11/24, and {Fat Tuesday} Pancake Dinner 2/13/24.
Greg Vorholt 586-201-0687 gregvorholt@yahoo.com

Ash Wednesday Worship – Join us for a brief service of prayer, reflection, and the Imposition of Ashes on February 14 at 5 PM. This service begins the 40-day journey to Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome.

The 2024 Flower Calendar is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. Please sign in for the Sunday you have chosen and notify the bulletin preparers of the wording for the announcement. Thank you!

The 2024 Fellowship Hall Calendar is posted in the Fellowship Hall on the left bulletin board just as you enter. **Committee Chairs**, please enter all meetings scheduled for the FH on this calendar. If an Announcement is needed for the church, email the bulletin preparers what you wish to have listed by Wednesday morning. Thanks!

New Site: Accessing Sunday Sermons is as easy as going on Facebook. Refresh your memory, rethink the messages, be enriched again. May God bless your interest and devotion! Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/MorrisChapelUnitedMethodistChurch>

PARISH NOTICES

Teaching So Kids Can Learn: Presented by the Center for Leadership Excellence with Patty Meyers (webinar)

Friday, February 16, 2024 12pm- 1pm ET go to cle@nccumc.org for all details!

ALSO please check out nccumc.org/media-center for obtaining many insightful and educational books!

Announcements: by noon on Wednesdays to Laurel Parker at laurelparker@charter.net or (919) 271-0963

AND Mavis Harper at mavisharper1944@gmail.com or (919) 770-0489.

PLEASE word your announcement as you wish to see it printed.. Thank you

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Cindy Alexandria Zane Albany Sherry Baucom Maryann Bell Brethen Family Joey Campbell Kristie Casterlin Congregational Unity Jimmy Clifton Diane Conti Deborah McNeill Cox Family of Cordie Dorman III Ron Hartman Ron Height	Connie Hickman Mark Hickman Jimmie Holt Teresa Ingram Ann Jackson Evan & Leslie Johnson Nancy Johnson Margaret Kilcullen Tom Kirby Jeff Ludewig Charles Maddox Maude Maloney Ashley McBurnett	Ann McLeod Maxine McLeod Rhonda McNeill Leslie & George Orlovsky Peace on Earth Dick Philbin Susie Pierce Crosby Price Danielle Rahko Helen Rogers Melvin & Angelene Rosser Anna Sanfilippo Ron & Peggy Scott	Becky Seymour Kyle Smith Nathaniel Smith Kenneth Spivey Joey Stewart Joyce Key Thomas Debra Underwood United States of America Pam Vaughan David Wagner Family of Mary Carolyn Watson Bob & Sandy Woolston
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Weekly Attendance, Tithes & Offerings

Attendance 1/21/24

Tithes & Offerings as of: 01/21/2024	
2024 Budget - Needed to Date:	\$ 11,094.13
2024 Budget - Received to Date:	\$ 33,195.03
Running Surplus /(Deficit)	\$ 22,100.90

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Worship Volunteers-- you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute in the event that you cannot fill your assigned slot. Thank you.

Jan.	Acolytes	Children's Message	Lay Readers	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
28	Rylee Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Inge Hersman	Carolyn Saucier Danny Baker	Hank Richards Margaret Spivey	
Feb 4	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Stacey Burris	George Orlovsky	Donnie Carter Ian Carter	Greg Vorholt Cindy Vorholt	Kevin Seymour Manuela Seymour Laurel Parker Jack Harper
11	Ian Carter Isabelle Sturgill	Gillian Hubley	Manuela Seymour	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Linda Dille Pam Summers	
18	Paisley Kilmer Teagen Kilmer	Richard Angel	Steve Huepper	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Gary Maddox George Orlovsky	
25	JC Ray Bryson Baker	Krystle Ray	Leslie Orlovsky	Justin Ray JC Ray	Terrena Shelton Danny Baker	

After Worship treats are cordially provided by the Fellowship Committee. Thank you!!